

ALUMNI NEWS

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New Alumni Officers Announced

David and Kristine Hill chat with outgoing alumni president Pat Headrick.

David Hill of Tuscaloosa is the 2000-2002 president of the Shelton State Alumni Association. Hill, who graduated from Shelton State in 1982, attended the University of Alabama, graduating with a degree in criminal justice.

Today Hill owns Alabama Investigative Services and is a member of the National Association of Investigative Specialists. David and his wife, Kristine, who is also a Shelton graduate and a member of the

Alumni Council, merged their families when they married several years ago. Together, they have four children.

Jean Epps is the new first vice president/president elect of the organization. Epps, who is considered one of the hardest working members of the alumni association, works in the audio visual department of the college. Hale County resident Lisa Matherson continues as

secretary, and Ronda Shirley of Gordo is the treasurer.

New officers include: Kristine Hill, vice president of Tuscaloosa County; John Bradshaw, Moundville, vice president of Hale County; Betty Bagby, Northport, vice president of Greene County; Ronda Shirley, Gordo, vice president of Pickens County. Kathy Lancaster Brown is vice president of Bibb County.

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**What Happens to
People When They
Retire?**

Do they just fade away into the night? Not at Shelton State Community College! The new Retirees Club at the college offers many opportunities during the year for former employees to network and enjoy each other's company.

Shelton's new Retirees Club has no dues, no officers, and is not involved in fund raising. The purpose of this club is to provide a means for Shelton employees to stay in touch with one another and with Shelton State. To find out



Shelton retirees Louise Lewis, Lorine Lowe, and Paula Sue Hays enjoy an evening of the Shelton Retirees Club.

more about Shelton's Retirees Club, call Shelton's public relations office, (205) 391-2221.

Shelton Alumni Celebrate

A shooting star streaked across the heavens, briefly lighting up the dark sky. "Did you see it?" Mr. Davis asked, Josh nodded. "They only last a second, but for that moment they're the brightest thing in the sky. We're like that too. Here for just a fleeting instant and then gone."

*Ben Erickson, author of
A Parting Gift*

The Shelton State Alumni Association recognized a new Alabama author along with the outstanding faculty and staff of the college and new alumni officers for the year at the organization's annual meeting in April.

Ben Erickson, author of *A PARTING GIFT*, was the keynote speaker for the evening. Erickson, originally from Mobile and now living in Eutaw, Alabama, published this first novel last spring. Originally written as a high school graduation present for his son, *A PARTING GIFT* takes place in Mobile and was chosen by the members of The American Booksellers Association as a **Book Sense 76** selection.

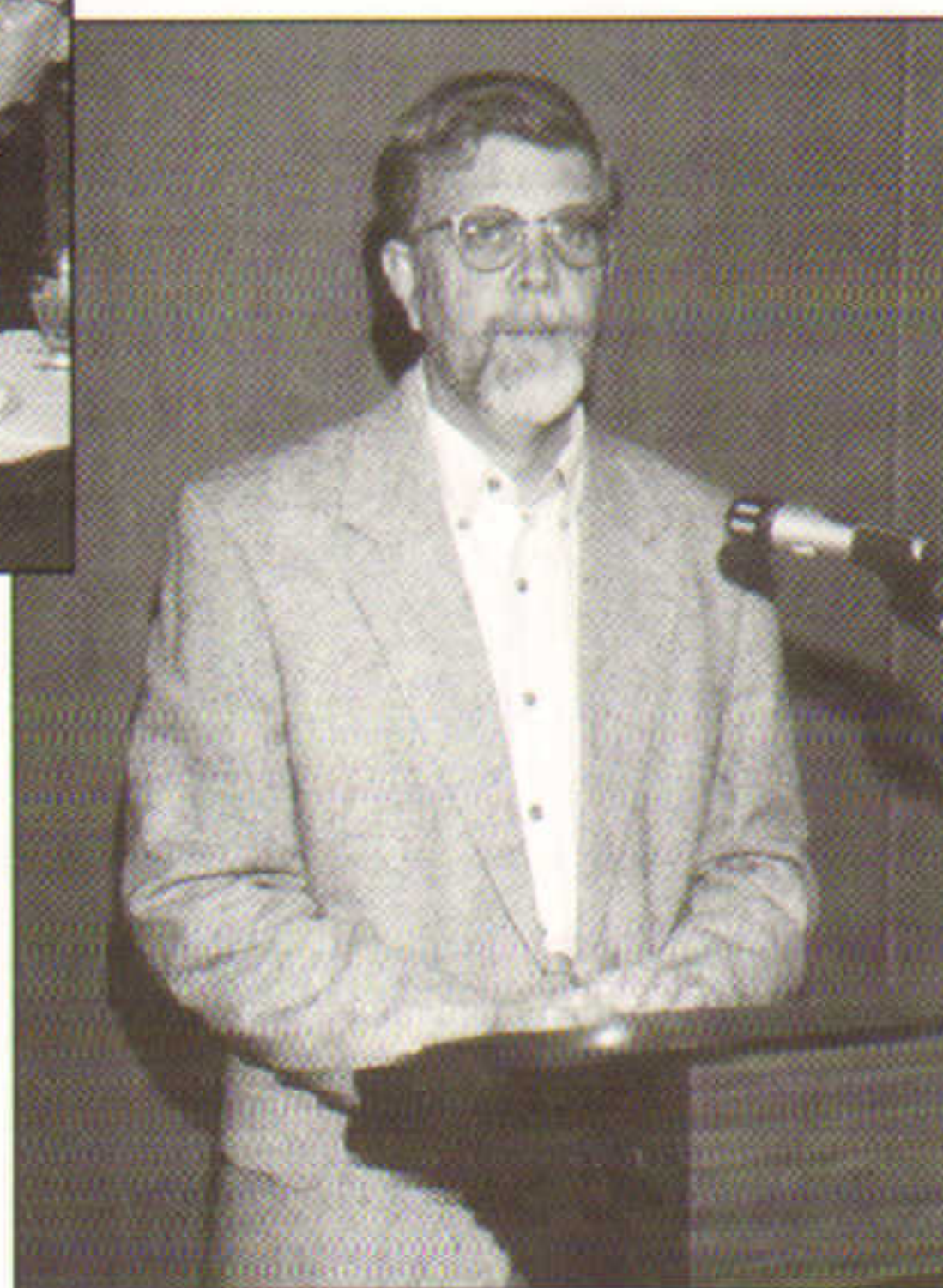
Erickson is also an award-winning furniture maker who has written many articles for woodworking magazines and has contributed to books on the subject. In 1980 Erickson and his wife

disassembled, moved, and restored a two-story antebellum house in Eutaw where they now live with their two sons.

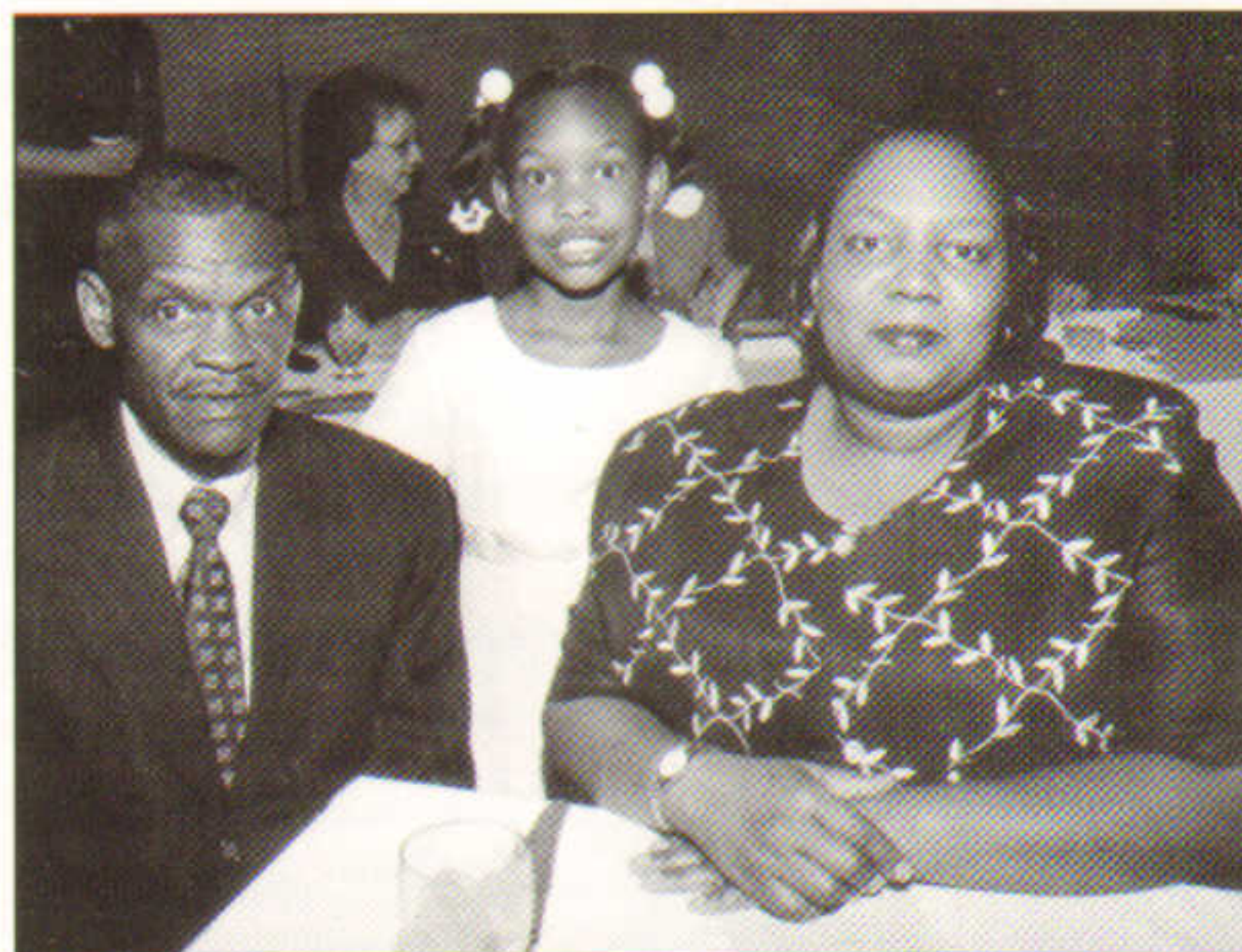
The Shelton State Alumni Association also recognized Shelton State's Chancellor's Awards nominees for the college. Dr. Bruce Bizzoco, associate dean of the college, was named the Outstanding Administrator for the college. Steve Fair was named the Outstanding Technical Faculty Member, and Bill Aldridge was selected the Outstanding Academic Faculty Member. John Flannigan represented Shelton as the Outstanding Support Staff Person.



Alumni secretary, Lisa Matherson, introduces the speaker for the evening, Ben Erickson.



Ben Erickson, author of A Parting Gift, was the keynote speaker.



John Flannigan, Outstanding Support Staff person, enjoys the evening with his wife and daughter.



Pat Headrick congratulates Bruce Bizzoco, Outstanding Administrator, and Bill Aldridge, Outstanding Academic Faculty Member.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SELECTED

Carol Henderson of Elrod, Alabama, was chosen the first recipient of the Louise Pruitt Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Shelton State Alumni Association. Money for the scholarship came from funds raised by the association during Shelton's homecoming concession sales and from this year's Santa's Letters project.

Enrolled in Shelton's drafting program, Carol plans to transfer eventually to the University of West Alabama to complete her B.S. degree. She and her husband, Anthony, have two children, ages 20 and 22, and a nine-month-old grandchild.



Carol Henderson is the first recipient of the Louise Pruitt Memorial Scholarship.

ABOUT FORMER STUDENTS

Betty O'Dell, a resident of Bibb County, is the new librarian reserve acquisition clerk for Shelton State's library. Before this new position, Betty worked part-time at the college. She originally participated in the older workers program sponsored by the Alabama Department of Senior Services and served as a librarian aide at Shelton State.

One of the happiest and most involved people in Tuscaloosa is **Brenda McComb**. Brenda is currently employed as a community services specialist with the Alabama Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. Active in many organizations, Brenda has been a member of the Shelton State Alumni Association. She is also very involved with the local PRCA chapter.

Donny Jones left Shelton State with an associate degree in business administration and went on to graduate with honors from the University of Alabama with a bachelor of science degree in management information systems. Today Donny is the general manager of the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama. As part of his job, he serves on the Small Business Development Committee, the Technology Council, and the Northport Advisory Council. He is also president-elect of the Thursday morning Rotary Club. Donny also serves as youth minister of Northridge Baptist church. He is married to the former Carla Tunnell of Northport, and they have one son.

Anthony (Tony) Smith of Brookwood returned to school in 1998 in Shelton's heavy equipment program. Today he is employed by Jarrett Construction Company in Montgomery. Tony lives in Moundville but is working in Holt this summer on a project. Originally from Marion County, Tony's work day often includes driving a dump truck, hauling off waste, running a back hoe, cementing a parking lot and keeping a job site clean and safe.

Sarah Showalter graduated from Shelton's office administration program in 2000 and is currently working as administrative secretary for the Alabama Cooperative

Extension Agency. Sarah, who is originally from Decatur, Alabama, attended the University before entering Shelton State. While at Shelton, she made the President's List each semester. Shelton seems to run in the family as her son is now a student at the college.

David Belcher is originally from Pickens County but now lives in Brookwood. Belcher is employed by Skyland Equipment Company where he works primarily on John Deere equipment. His job includes repairing engines, trouble shooting, diagnosing problems and deciding how to fix them. David says he likes working on the equipment and machinery.

Annie Mary Gray, a 1967 graduate of C.A. Fredd State Technical College, was recently reappointed to the Tuscaloosa City Board of Education. Annie Mary's appointment will complete the term of Olympia McCracken, who recently resigned from the board. An elected board of education will assume responsibilities for the Tuscaloosa city schools the end of August. Annie Mary insists hers is simply a temporary position and she does not plan to run for the position. Annie Mary was an original member of the Shelton State Alumni Council when it was formed in 1995. In 1991 she was chosen Alumnus of the Year for C.A. Fredd.

Stephanie Wilkins is a real "can-do" person. This former Shelton student went on to graduate from the University of Alabama and is now marketing director of the University's Student Recreation Center. While at Shelton Stephanie was Miss Shelton State in 1989 and was an original member of the Shelton State Alumni Council. Stephanie undertook a mammoth project this summer that has received statewide recognition. For years Stephanie has served as a counselor at Camp Smile-A-Mile, an Alabama camp for children with cancer. This year Stephanie rode her bicycle to the camp in support of the children and to raise \$10,000 for the camp and children.

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Can you name these five people?

These were the first officers of the Shelton State Alumni Association in 1983. The first person to call the Alumni Office, (205) 391-2252, and correctly identify these five people wins \$25.



Join the Shelton State Alumni Association

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Employer _____

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$15.00

Staying Involved...

The Shelton State Alumni Association is one of the most active community college alumni associations in the state of Alabama. The Alumni Association, which was organized in 1994, serves as a support group for the college and a network for former students. If you would like more information on the Shelton State Alumni Association, contact the alumni office, (205) 391-2252 or 391-2221. You can also fax us at Alumni Office, (205) 391-3912, or E-mail at lkubiszyn@shelton.cc.al.us.

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